

Tombstone Letter.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]
TOMBSTONE, ARIZ., Dec. 14, 1900.

EDITOR REVIEW:—The taxayers of Cochise county may now have something to ponder over in the result of the Downing case, which occupied the attention of the court and a large part of the county, since Friday of last week.

It is no doubt remembered by all who have lived in this county for the past year that William Downing was jointly indicted with Burt Alvord, Billy Stiles and Mat Burtis, for the robbery of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, at Cochise station, on the night of Sept. 9, 1899, the subsequent arrest of the accused, the jail delivery by Stiles, who, for an obvious reason, had been given his liberty; and, finally, the turning of states evidence by Stiles and Burtis, resulting in the trial of Downing, to which I have just referred, upon the testimony of his alleged accomplices.

Act number two of the 15th Legislative Assembly of Arizona provides that anyone who shall assault any railroad train, or any employee thereon, or who shall counsel, aid or abet, any one in assaulting, etc., upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of felony and shall suffer the penalty of death.

By the confession of Stiles and Burtis, they held up the train and robbed the express car, conspired, aided and abetted by Alvord and Downing who remained in Wilcox. Upon the witness stand Stiles acknowledged that he had been promised immunity from prosecution by the district attorney, if he would return from Mexico and testify against Downing, and Charley Hood, an employee of Wells, Fargo & Co., had promised him money enough to leave the country afterward.

Upon their voir dire, seventy two jurors said that while they were not opposed to capital punishment, yet they would not find a verdict of guilty in a case of robbery where no life had been sacrificed. Three special venirees had been summoned, from various and distant parts of the county, entailing an extra expense upon an already overtaxed people, and for the purpose of giving two great monopolies a degree of protection that is not given to a citizen. Such laws are naturally repugnant to any fairminded man, and the natural result was the acquittal of Downing. Some of the jurymen said after the verdict that they could not reconcile the fact of granting immunity to those who were confessedly guilty and convicting one who, if all the testimony were true, did not actually participate, personally, in the robbery, with even justice. The general opinion is that this obnoxious act of special legislation should be repealed. It does not seem consistent with the spirit of our laws and political institutions, that a corporation that possesses nothing of an eleemosynary character, should be specially favored and the long suffering taxpayer have to foot the bill of expense.

Yesterday afternoon a jury was empaneled to try the case of the Territory vs. Sid Page for the murder of Chris Robinson, at Pearce, over a year ago. This is one of the causes celebres of Cochise county, two former trials having resulted each time in a hung jury.

It has been intimated to me that Mat Burtis knows more about this killing than any one who has ever testified, except the accused.

The following cases on the civil calendar were disposed of:
Moumonier vs. Geo. H. Fitts et al., was dismissed. McKernon vs. Shibley, on appeal from justices court, dismissed. Smith vs. Smith, Trask vs. N. M. & A. R. R., Commonwealth Mining Co. vs. Carlyon and Martin, Bosworth vs.

Bridges, Reilly vs. Letson, were all continued.

Charles Adair, J. D. Milton, C. R. Burcher and F. Richardson all of whom are employees of the S. P. railroad and Wells, Fargo & Co., witnesses in the Downing case, were allowed fees for attendance ranging from \$12 to \$35.

A large number of the "best" from Bisbee are in attendance at court, either as witnesses or jurors, and we, of Tombstone, are right glad to see them. Bisbee contains within her population some good, whole-souled citizens, who always receive the glad hand when they go abroad.

Genial Johnny Blair, who for several years has pulled the boys out of the Czar shaft, is pulling his conversational throttle on his numerous friends in Tombstone.

"Shep" chews gum assiduously and always has an unqualified opinion; and is too tender hearted to believe in capital punishment.

Joe Youngblood sits in the jury box with an air of patient attention that is inspiring to the attorneys.

Harry Rafferty assists in keeping the jury from temptation during recess of court.

When the court house begins to tremble we know that our sheriff-elect is coming up the stairs. Dell is taking notes of court procedure in order to be able to practice the real thing after January next.

If the civil calendar is cleared, court will sit until Christmas, as but few civil cases have been disposed of up to the present.

Progressive Naco.

A real live Sunday School has been organized by the enterprising ladies of this burgh. On December 2nd Rev. D. Roberts came down and preached the first sermon in Naco. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Smith came down and helped to organize a Sunday school of over fifty members. May the good work go on. Over \$50 has been raised by the school for Christmas exercises.

THE Arizona Gazette registers a righteous and timely kick, in the following, concerning the non-appearance of Los Angeles business men at the Phoenix carnival:

"Los Angeles is not doing itself much credit by not visiting the Phoenix carnival. The citizens of this valley pour upwards of \$1,500,000 annually into the coffers of the people of that city and it was a duty the people of that city owed themselves to reciprocate in a measure. That city will realize this fact before it is many years older."

A. J. Brant, owner of the Santa Margarita mine in Mexico, has been in Bisbee for the past few days. Brant says the new mill erected by the Union Iron works on his property is in full blast, and is highly satisfactory in every way. High grade ore is being treated daily and the returns are good. Further improvements are being made and another new mill will be erected. A large force of miners are constantly employed and shipments of bellion will be made hereafter with regularity. The Santa Margarita country is very rich in minerals of all kinds, and great activity in mining is reported in the entire district.

Mr. Bucklin, miner and all round newspaper man, came in from Tombstone Wednesday afternoon in the interest of the Prospector. Tombstone is quite lively, so Mr. Bucklin says, the fall term of court bringing the usual crowd of visitors.

John Blair went over to Tombstone Monday morning where he is serving as a juror.

Last Friday the work of drilling the second artesian well was discontinued at a depth of 860 feet. The flow of water attained is about the same as that of the first well bored. The well boring outfit is being taken out and loaded upon the cars with the object of transferring it to some other point along the line of the S. P. R. R.—Benson Press.

Christmas at the Churches.

Genial old Santa Claus will be in Bisbee on Christmas eve, and active preparations have already been commenced to insure the old Saint a worthy reception in our mountain camp. The progressive and alert superintendents of our respective Sunday schools are marshaling their forces.

The new Methodist church will be so far advanced as to permit the using of it for Christmas eve. A bright program is being prepared for the occasion. A tree will also be in evidence, when Santa Claus will appear arrayed in his customary splendor to distribute the tokens of remembrances from church and Sunday school.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will not be found wanting this year any more than in the past in recognizing "this day of days" when renewed light and spiritual splendor dawned anew upon earth, and may the ancient message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" be heard once more in every home within the borders of this broad land.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Public notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the South Bisbee Copper Mining and Townsite Improvement company, a corporation organized under and by virtue of the laws of the Territory of Arizona, will be held at the office of the company at South Bisbee, Bisbee, Cochise county, Arizona, on the 15th day of January, 1901, between the hours of two o'clock and four o'clock p. m. of said day, for the election of Directors and such other business as may come before said meeting.

H. W. LEWIS,
Secretary.

Dated Bisbee, Arizona, Dec. 1, 1900.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY No. 1218.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 10, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Tucson, Arizona, on Friday, January 25, 1901, viz: Dolores de Maravilla, formerly the wife of Manuel Simas, deceased, for the NW 1/4 Sec. 28, T. 22, S. R. 26, E. 1, G. & S. R. B. & M. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Fred Herrera of Nogales, Arizona; Augustine Caballero, of Tucson, Arizona; Jose M. Castaneda and Miguel E. Castaneda, of Benson, Arizona.—MILTON R. MOORE, Register.

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